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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 25TH, 1912.

We published a day or two the text of a short Bill which has been introduced into the House of Lords to remove doubts as to the validity of certain marriages solemnized in the Empire of Japan. As a matter of fact there is no doubt in the cases to which this Bill applies: the Courts have affirmed such marriages to be invalid. The marriages referred to are understood to be those which have been solemnized in Japan by clergymen since the Treaty abolishing extra-territoriality in Japan came into operation, namely the 16th day of July 1899, and the Bill provides that these marriages shall be deemed always to have been as valid in law as if they had been solemnized within His Majesty's dominions with the due observance of all forms required by law. It has been a common practice for British subjects in Japan, as well as in the Treaty ports of China, to be married by the Consul of the port and again by a clergyman, as though to make doubly sure. But it has not been an invariable practice, either since the abolition of extra-territoriality or before that time, for clergymen have held the view that marriage at the Consulate was quite unnecessary. On the other hand, before the revision of the Treaty, Consuls, if their opinion were asked, would sagely shake their heads and tell the trembling inquirer—naturally very anxious to strictly comply with the law in such an important matter—that it was very questionable indeed whether an ecclesiastical marriage was perfectly valid, inasmuch as the marriage registers sent to Somerset House by clergymen abroad were placed among what are classed as "unrecorded documents." Whether that is the practice

at Somerset House or not we do not know, but those whose minds may have been made uneasy on the point, would seem to be justified in regarding the Bill now before the House of Lords as tacitly affirming that the marriages of British subjects performed by clergymen of the Church of England in the Settlements prior to the abolition of extra-territoriality in Japan are perfectly valid and binding. So far as we are aware, this question has never been argued in a Court of Law. Some twelve or eighteen months ago the question of the validity of a marriage performed by a Church of England clergyman in Japan on a date subsequent to the abolition of extra-territoriality was raised in the Divorce Division of the High Court, and the Judge held the marriage to be invalid. It is this decision presumably which has led to the introduction of the Bill "to remove doubts as to the validity of certain marriages solemnized in the Empire of Japan." Clergymen in Japan have resented the view that the marriages they performed were not entirely valid in the eyes of the law, whether extra-territoriality existed or not, and in this they were supported by the Bishops. The result is that a number of marriages have been performed, which the High Court has held cannot be legally recognised, and consequently the offspring of such marriages were illegitimate, and, as is well known, a subsequent legal marriage would not legitimize the children under English law, though in most other countries it does. The Bill now before the House of Lords, by declaring that those marriages which have been irregularly performed in Japan since July 16th, 1899, "shall be and shall be deemed always to have been as valid in law as if they had been solemnized within His Majesty's dominions with the due observance of all forms required by law" must be very welcome indeed to the people concerned who unwittingly have been placed in a false position by the clergy, and the clergy should experience a feeling of satisfaction in being thus relieved of a most serious responsibility.

Last week the new Government at Shanghai commenced the razing of the ancient walls of the native city. Boulevards will take their place, and tram lines are to be laid.

Captain Baldwin, the well-known aviator, is a passenger on the China, which arrived yesterday. Captain Baldwin and Mr. Lee Hammond, another well-known aviator, are on their way to Manila for the Carnival.

The members of the vestry of St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, elected on Tuesday evening, are as follows:—Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Messrs. T. Hunter, R. Puckham, H. F. Campbell, B. E. Fielder, G. L. Platt, Crowther Smith, T. F. Claxton, and J. P. Douglas.

A number of coolies were pushing a truck laden with 26 bags of rice along Des Vœux Road on Tuesday, and when near the junction of Wing Lok Street, a small Chinese female child was accidentally knocked down. The child's leg was badly broken, and she was taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

A fire broke out on Tuesday night in a house at Kowloon City. A hawker residing at Ngau Shi Wan stated to the police that the house was destroyed. He said it was a house; but it transpires that it was a matchbox. The building housed two bicycles belonging to two officers who were up at Customs Pass. One machine was valued at about \$100. The total damage amounted to \$300, and the property was not insured.

Mr. C. Lucy Goodrich, General Oriental Agent of the Western Pacific Railway, is back in the Colony after a two months' business trip to the Straits, India and Ceylon. He witnessed the Coronation Durbar at Delhi, and was also in Calcutta during the visit of the King and Queen. Outside of the magnificent and pomp of the various ceremonies, Mr. Goodrich expresses his admiration of the perfect manner in which the teeming thousands of spectators were controlled by those in charge.

At a meeting of members of the Shanghai Golf Club it was unanimously agreed to engage a professional. The President (Sir Haviland de Saumarez) explained that the men they had in view had been trained under Tom Ball, and was a plus three man. It was considered better to bring him out in the autumn, when the Kiangwan Course would be in trim. A discussion took place and it was mentioned that some arrangement such as a payment of \$2 for a game of eighteen holes and \$1 for nine holes would probably be made, while for tuition the terms would be settled afterwards.

LADY LUGARD.

The following bulletin signed by Dr. G. P. Jordan was issued at 10.30 a.m. yesterday:—"Her Excellency Lady Lugard has again had a good night. The fever has quite subsided since the operation and satisfactory progress continues in all respects. "Evening bulletins will be discontinued."

TELEGRAMS. TELEGRAMS. TELEGRAMS.

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THE REVOLUTION.

JAPAN AND CHINA.

Tokyo, January 24th.

The Premier and the Ministers for Foreign Affairs and Finance made speeches in the Diet yesterday. Baron Uchida spoke of the failure of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance and the concerted efforts of the Powers to effect a settlement in China. He profoundly regretted that despite all endeavours, there were no signs of improvement.

A JAPANESE LOAN.

The agent of the Okura Gumi has gone to China to conclude a loan which will be underwritten by four Tokyo banks. Mr. Okura, in the course of an interview, expressed the opinion that foreign financiers had been excessively cautious, but as the success of the Republicans was undoubted, money would soon be flowing in.

The Foreign Office makes it clear that the recent negotiations were with the Shanghai Railway and not with the Revolutionaries, with whom it disavows connection.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

COMMENT BY THE "TIMES."

LONDON, January 24th.

Commenting on the fresh difficulty which has arisen in China owing to the telegram sent by Sun Yat Sen to Yuan Shih Kai, repudiating the arrangement empowering Yuan Shih Kai to establish a republic, the Times describes the telegram as injudicious and insulting unless Yuan Shih Kai has shown any bad faith towards the reformers, and there was no evidence that he had done so. The absence of such evidence makes the conduct of the Nanking party appear inexcusable, when the reformers had the republic within their grasp, and the Times fears that they have imperilled the peaceful attainment of their ends and exposed the country to most serious dangers from within and without.

A REPUBLICAN DEMAND.

LATER.

A Shanghai telegram states that the Republicans are in need of funds and have made a demand for the payment of ten million taels from the China Merchants Steam Navigation Co., otherwise the ships will be commandeered and sold. The Directors have asked for time in order to consult their shareholders.

THE OPIUM CONFERENCE.

LONDON, January 24th.

A telegram from the Hague states that the Opium Conference has ended, and that the plenipotentiaries of the twelve Powers represented have signed the Convention, which contains twenty-five articles.

THE ROYAL VISIT TO NEW YORK.

LONDON, January 24th.

A New York telegram states that the Duke and Duchess of Connaught are keenly delighted with their informal sight-seeing, and the fact that they are accompanied only by an A.D.C. pleases the Americans. The dinner to precede the ball to-night will be the most brilliant event of the social season. Three hundred invitations have been issued.

THE LOYALTY OF CANADA.

LONDON, January 24th.

Earl Grey has received the freedom of the City. There was a brilliant company at the Guildhall, and in a speech he said that all parties in Canada were equally loyal to the Empire, and were conscious of their power to fulfil an inspiring role in our splendid destiny. He believed the United Kingdom would welcome the Dominion to its Councils.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE CRISIS IN ULSTER.

LONDON, January 24th.

The Unionists have formulated a plan to remain in possession of the Ulster Hall in Belfast from the 7th to the 9th February. The Orangemen have decided that a wall of men a hundred thousand strong will surround the Ulster Hall and that these will easily peacefully prevent Mr. Winston Churchill speaking if the military are not used.

The officer commanding the district has, however, been recalled from Switzerland, and it is reported that three Dublin regiments will reinforce those at Belfast. Moderate Unionists say they will be content to withdraw the force if Mr. Churchill is compelled to hold a meeting under military protection, but the extremists insist on resistance, at whatever cost.

UNIONISTS SECURE ULSTER HALL. The Belfast Corporation has decided to let the Ulster Hall to the Unionists on the 7th February, the night prior to Mr. Churchill's meeting.

LATER.

The Liberal newspapers call on Mr. Bonar Law and Mr. Austen Chamberlain to either denounce the policy of violence, or accept the responsibility in Ulster.

The Liberal manifesto denies that Mr. Churchill's meeting is a Nationalist one, but is wholly Liberal, and almost exclusively Protestant. Mr. Churchill is determined to hold the meeting, despite all the force of lawlessness and disorder, and should rioting ensue, the responsibility would rest with the Unionist Councils.

Meanwhile the Unionists are elated at the manoeuvre to secure the hall. They point out that the apacious rooms, kitchen and organ hall will make the position of an investing force "not too uncomfortable." An audience of picked men are pledged to hold against all comers the barricade to the entrances. Colonel Wallace, the Grand-master of the Orangemen, says they will stick at nothing to demonstrate that Ulster will fight or die for her liberties.

ANTI-HOME RULE CAMPAIGN.

An Anti-Home Rule campaign is proceeding in Lancashire and Cheshire, Sir Edward Carson, Rt. Hon. Walter Long, Mr. F. E. Smith and Lord Willoughby de Broke being the chief speakers. Sir Edward Carson, speaking at Manchester, announced that he was going straight to Belfast but with no light heart, on a grave mission for his fellow countrymen.

Rt. Hon. H. Hobhouse, speaking at Bristol, said that in view of the language of the Conservative leaders during the Lancashire campaign, the Government was bound to regard the threats of violence and outbreaks seriously.

CONSERVATIVE AGENT RESIGNS.

LONDON, January 24th.

The resignation of Mr. J. Percival Hughes, chief agent of the Conservative Party, is unexpectedly announced.

THAMES IRONWORKERS.

LONDON, January 24th.

In a ballot of Thames ironworkers, 95 per cent. voted against the 58 hours week, which is the Government's condition for awarding the contract for the two warships.

ANGLO-AUSTRIAN CRICKET.

LONDON, January 24th.

Owing to the late arrival of the steamer, the Marylebone team did not commence their match against Tasmania until two o'clock. The weather was delightful and the wicket good when the game opened, but the attendance was small. Tasmania totalled 217, of which number Martin scored 48, Tumilty 56 and Mackenzie 59. Iremonger took five wickets for 52.

LATER.

In their first innings against Tasmania the Marylebone team scored 332 runs, Mead playing excellent cricket for 98. In their second attempt Tasmania lost one wicket for 87.

**AUSTRALIAN CRICKETERS
DECLINE TOUR.**

LONDON, January 24th.

A Melbourne telegram states that Trumper, Armstrong, Cotter and Carter have written to the Board of Control declining to go to England to play in the triangular test matches, except under a manager approved by the team. The Chairman of the Board says a team will go to England even if all the players now taking part in the tests decline.

THE QUEEN OF HOLLAND.

LONDON, January 24th.

It is officially announced that Queen Wilhelmina's hopes have been disappointed.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

FRANCO-ITALIAN RELATIONS.

LONDON, January 24th.

The French papers say that the Government yesterday informed Italy that, provided the Turks seized by the Italian gunboat were brought back to a French port, their identity would be investigated, the testimony of the Italians being taken and all other points in dispute to be submitted to The Hague Tribunal. France, it is stated, will insist on compliance with her requests, going if necessary as far as a diplomatic rupture.

LATER.

Reuter's correspondent at Berlin reports that the Italians stopped the Austrian liner Brogen.

A Paris telegram states that M. Legrand, the French Charge d'Affaires at Rome, has delivered a demand to Di San Giuliano, the Italian Minister for Foreign Affairs, for the release of the *Manubra*. The Minister delayed his reply until to-day. He will confer meanwhile with the Premier.

GERMAN ELECTIONS.

LONDON, January 24th.

A Berlin telegram states that the Socialists had twenty-four net gains in the second ballots which were decided on the 22nd instant. The results now are:—41 Conservatives, 91 Centre, 24 Allies Centre, 37 Liberals, 35 Radicals, 99 Socialists, and ten of other factions. In the totals the Socialists gained 50 and the Allies lost 30, the Centre 9, the Liberals 10, and the Radicals 5. Thirty-three more second ballots are to be decided on Thursday.

LATER.

Reuter's correspondent at Berlin wires that altogether the Right lost 35 seats to the Left, Centre and Conservative block. Their majority is thus destroyed, and they are now dependent upon the Polish and Alsatian allies. The result however, will not affect the question of defence, or the foreign policy of the Government. It is stated that the Socialists claim two Vice-Presidencies in the Reichstag.

ARGENTINE RAILWAY STRIKE.

LONDON, January 24th.

Reuter's correspondent at Buenos Aires wires that the Government decree gives the Railway companies four days in which to restore the goods service to its normal condition.

THE MEDICAL CONGRESS.

Yesterday there was only one session of the Congress of the Far Eastern Association of Tropical Medicine, and the afternoon was devoted to recreation, etc. A golf match at Deep Water Bay took place between local practitioners and a team of visitors to the Congress.

Mr. Alfred Bryer, architect of the University Buildings, conducted a party of visitors over the University at 3 p.m.

Sir Paul Chater, Kt., C.M.G., was "At Home" at 1 Conduit Road at 3 p.m. when he showed his collection of ancient porcelain to a party of visitors.

The President and Mrs. J. Mitford Atkinson were "At Home" to members of the Congress at Kingsclere from 9.15 p.m.

The "At Home" was very largely attended and dancing was kept up with much spirit until about midnight. The dance music was played by the K.O.Y.L.I. Orchestra.

THE MAGISTRACY.

Mr. Melbourne fined ten hawkers \$2 each for causing an obstruction in Queen's Road West.

Two men were charged with the murder of a woman named Sze To Shi at Shaokwan on the 14th January. Chief Detective Inspector Collett prosecuted. The prisoners, who pleaded not guilty, were remanded.

Two men were charged with having unlawfully received from the master of a poultry shop in the new Western Market, the sum of \$150, by means of a forged order on a shop in Canton. The case was remanded.

Four men were charged before Mr. Irving with being in unlawful possession of a quantity of rice. Two of the prisoners were sentenced to fourteen days' imprisonment, one was fined \$30, or seven days, and the other \$5, or seven days.

On the 16th instant, a houseboy at No. 7, Patell Villas, Kowloon, stole \$200 belonging to Mr. Clarke, Traffic Superintendent of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, and a silver watch belonging to a Mr. Eldon. Sergeant Floyd arrested the boy on Tuesday last as he was making a number of purchases in a tailor's shop, in preparation for a flight to the country. The silver watch and about \$78 were recovered. The boy was brought before Mr. Irving yesterday and sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

SUPREME COURT.

Wednesday, January 24th.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR THE CHIEF JUSTICE (SIR FRANCIS PIGOTT).

THE GOVERNMENT v. THE ELECTRIC TRACTION COMPANY.

His Lordship said to give judgment in the special case in which the Government of Hongkong claimed damages to the extent of \$40,000 from the Hongkong Electric Traction Company for injuries caused by the working of the company's lines to the lines used for telephonic communication laid down by the Government.

Mr. M. Slade, K.C., and Mr. Eldon Potter (instructed by Mr. F. B. L. Bowley) was for the plaintiffs, and Mr. C. G. Alabaster (instructed by Mr. Holbrow, of Messrs. Denoon, Looker & Deacon) for the defendant Company.

The question for the decision of the Court was if telephonic communication by means of any cable or line used for the purpose of telephonic communication by the Government of Hongkong (but not cables or wires themselves, or the sheathings, coverings, or all supports), had, through induction or otherwise, been injuriously affected by the working of the defendants' undertaking, were defendants liable, under the provisions of Ordinance 10 of 1910?

His Lordship read a lengthy judgment, the effect of which was in favour of the defendant Company, remarking that he thought it might be a dangerous precedent to insert words into an Ordinance which had been omitted by the draughtsman, even though the intention of the Ordinance was clear. The judgment, however, was not completed, as His Lordship wished to consider the form in which the formal judgment should be expressed.

Mr. Slade reminded his Lordship that the agreed basis had been the assumption that induction had affected the telephone wires. That was the whole basis of the special case. It might be convenient to his Lordship if he pointed that out.

Mr. Alabaster said their case was that it was not a fact that the wires were affected by induction, and even supposing they had been so affected, the defendants were not liable.

Mr. Slade added that if the wires had been affected by induction or otherwise, the question was, were the Government able to recover? The whole basis was that the system had been affected by induction, and on that assumption, were the Government entitled to recover?

Mr. Alabaster asked for judgment for defendants with costs.

His Lordship replied that he had purposely omitted the form which the judgment should take, as he wished to consider the point.

We hope to be furnished with the text of the completed judgment later.

IN APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

BEFORE THE FULL COURT.

CLAIM UNDER A LETTER OF GUARANTEE. Judgment was delivered in the appeal brought by Li Po Hung against the decision of the Chief Justice in the action brought by plaintiff against his co-sureties for payment of contribution, plaintiff, having on the default of the principal debtor paid the amount due under a letter of guarantee.

Plaintiff claimed against the Yik Lung Bank for \$82,212.40, being interest paid by plaintiff to the Imperial Bank of China, and balance thereof, expenses incurred by plaintiff in raising the said sum to mortgage as security for the Yik Lung Bank under a contract dated May 20, 1904, whereby plaintiff and the other four defendants (Li Ling Shi, Lo Po Lung, Li Po Yung and Li Rak), and Li Po Chuen, who is a minor, guaranteed the repayment to the Imperial Bank of China of all sums to the extent of \$450,000, as might therefore become due to the said bank from the Yik Lung Bank. Plaintiff claimed against the remaining four defendants, as joint sureties with the plaintiff under the contract for contribution in respect of the sum of \$82,212.40, paid by plaintiff, and interest thereon. Plaintiff also claimed interest on the sum named at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum.

Mr. Pollock, K.C., and the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, instructed by Mr. C. H. Beavis, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Eldon Potter, instructed by Mr. W. B. Hind, for the second, third, fourth and fifth defendants.

The Chief Justice gave judgment for the defendant Li Po Lung with costs, subject to the question of a set-off which was reserved for further argument and which might prove a good defence to the claim.

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PARIS LETTER.

[WRITTEN SPECIALLY FOR THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS"]

PARIS, December 29th.

THE WEATHER.

France has had more than her own share of rain lately, and things are once more beginning to look extremely serious both in the country as well as in Paris. Preparations are being made everywhere for a return of the floods which proved so disastrous nearly two years ago. The present month has already established a record as the wettest December for the last hundred years. The Seine, the Paris Thames, is steadily rising, to the great alarm of all citizens, and though the Municipality assure us there is no immediate danger of inundations, all wise people are taking precautions. In a number of places in Paris and the suburbs the angry-looking water has already encroached on the quays; so difficult has navigation become that the cargo boats which ply between Paris and London are likely to find themselves blocked before very long at Port St. Nicholas. It is especially during the last few days that the water has risen so noticeably. At the Pont d'Austerlitz and the Pont de Tolbiac there was a rise of 6.24 inches from Tuesday last to yesterday, Thursday; at Pont Royal, where the water is always very high, it has risen 1.5 inches. Unfortunately, unusually wet weather seems likely to continue. The rain gauge has registered the fact that even before the end of the month this is the wettest December on record for over a century, so far as France is concerned, and it is raining still. As a rule the river Seine always gives trouble more or less during the first two months of the year.

THE PARIS CEMETERY OUTRAGE.

Thieves are not always as clever as they think. In the case of the Paris cemetery outrage—the talk of the hour—the perpetrators failed to be smart. It was at first stated that the miscreants had carried away jewels to the value of 400,000 francs, but later reports showed that they had been hauled. The jewels which were overlooked had been placed in a bag beneath the pillow of the coffin. The body of Mlle. Lantelme, the popular actress who was drowned last summer, had been disturbed, and there is no doubt that one of the vampires injured himself during the operations, for bloodstains were discernible in the vault. Nothing could be more foolish than to wish to be buried with one's money or jewels; sooner or later, as in the present regrettable case, the coffin of such persons is sure to be torn open, and the contents stolen if at all possible by expert thieves. To rob the living is bad enough, but to desecrate graves and rob the dead is unpardonable. Evidently there is not sufficient vigilance on the part of the cemetery keepers; the latter ought at all times to be armed, and be ordered to mercilessly shoot down anyone they detect interfering with the dead or their property. It was while making their usual rounds last Friday morning that the keepers of the Père Lachaise cemetery noticed indications of disorder around the tomb of the once popular dead actress, and on making an examination found the windows had been broken and the bars removed. Entering the tomb the keepers discovered, to their horror, the coffin lying wide open with the body of Mlle. Lantelme exposed to view, all the valuable jewels with which the dead actress had been adorned having been stolen. The police in the course of their investigation discovered a pair of pliers, a screw-driver, and a contraband note hidden near the tomb. Owing to the overpowering fumes arising from the vault the Magistrate decided to send nobody into the vault until it had been thoroughly ventilated and disinfected. An air pump was got to work, and then with a view to purifying the air more rapidly lighted paper was thrown down. Unfortunately some of the blazing pieces fell on the winding sheet and other ornaments which the infamous robbers had removed from the body and placed beneath the coffin. Fire broke out, and although the brigades were called on hand almost before they were able to extinguish the flames. It may be recalled that Mlle. Lantelme was drowned last summer. She was the wife of Mr. Edwards, the founder of the *Vafrin*, and was on board his yacht in the Rhine with a party. The lady went to her cabin to dress for dinner, and it is supposed that when trying to close the window she overbalanced and fell into the river.

A "TOURNAMENT OF MUSIC."

Most elaborate preparations are being made in Paris for the "Tournament of Music," or great musical fête which are to take place here on May 25, 26, and 27 of next year. Beyond any doubt it will prove to be the greatest musical festival which the world has ever witnessed. For three days as per specified dates the French capital will be given over to music and celebrations in which the greatest composers, musicians, and singers from different countries will take part. This musical festival—which is to be accompanied by the distribution of very handsome prizes—has been organized by the Paris Municipality in conjunction with the leading musical authorities of the world. Every eleven years Paris holds an international exhibition; however, instead of there being next a Big Show as in 1878, 1889, &c., there is to be the International Musical Festival, to which the nations of the world will send their choirs and bands. During the period of the Tournament of Music the whole city will be *en fête*—just as it was during the time of exhibitions. Thousands on thousands of people are expected to flock to the "Ville Lumière" or City of Light, from all parts of the civilized globe. Already arrangements have been made to cope with the great crowds. There will be special accommodation for 100,000 competitors, and 30,000 of them are expected from England alone. The desire of the Paris Municipality to assist in every way is most

praiseworthy; the Municipal Council are preparing to distribute 1,000 parts for conductors, free of charge. It is obviously impossible for the organizers to send the actual test pieces, but they have arranged to send samples of music of previous musical contests in other towns.

CHRISTMAS EVE.

The French pay greater attention to Christmas Eve than they do to Christmas Day. In Paris especially, Christmas Eve, or *Reveillon* as it is called, is a most enjoyable as well as a solemn time for one and all. The *Reveillon* this year was right royally kept up by all classes of Parisians—be it on pleasure and piety from dusk until dawn. There were record attendances at most of the theatres—for everyone is bent on enjoying themselves to their heart's content on Christmas Eve. After visiting the toy stalls, along the Boulevards from the Madeleine to the Bastille and making numerous purchases, the pious wended their way to some celebrated church to attend the midnight mass, at which exquisitely suitable music is always heard. Mass over, a rush is made to cafes and restaurants for supper—the only time in the year when Frenchmen indulge in supper—the latter is a most sumptuous affair and among the wealthy it equals a banquet. Restaurants and cafes are beautifully decorated for the occasion. Supper over, singing and dancing goes merrily on all night. The students from the Latin Quarter, who are always ready for a spree, again paraded the Boulevards this year carrying Chinese lanterns, and singing and dancing for all they were worth. The Christmas mistletoe-kiss does not exist in France; on New Year's Eve, however, at midnight, kissing becomes a rite and brings luck with it for the coming year.

A SKIT ON STATESMEN.

What most amused Parisians this Christmas was the extremely clever *Revue* of Messieurs Batteille and Boyer. The following one-act skit is likely to be talked of a good deal, if not actually adopted in other theatres for the sake of its harmless fun. A Frenchman and a German, according to the witty *Revue*, stroll down the Boulevard Montmartre, the name of which is changed at the Gaité-Rochefort (the name of the place of amusement where the *Revue* takes place) by a lamplighter to that of "Boulevard de Marco." Each man puts up a little stall for the sale of Christmas wares. The Frenchman sells "Articles de Paris," the German sells "Articles de Berlin." The Frenchman puts out a set of cardboard policemen in front of his stall. "Ach, no! That won't do!" says the German. "Let us converse." Each man brings a stool painted in the national colors to the front of the stalls, and the two comics talk things over. The conference between the "statesmen" of France and Germany is exquisitely parodied, and things do not grow particularly cordial. Then the German puts a set of soldiers. The Frenchman laughs and puts up his. "Paf! hafschplend! leadle posts also," the German says, and out come cardboard ironclads. "I rather hope great things from this," the Frenchman says, and shows a large British Dreadnought with the Union Jack flying. "Ach! Let us converse some more!" says the German. The two men, and the audience fairly rise in its seats and loudly cheer the references to the good work the *Entente Cordiale* has done for France. It cheers again when, after a bit of Congo had been duly exchanged for peace and quiet in Morocco, the Gallie Cock appears and says: "You may have got the better of me on the exchange." The Frenchman ends up by thanking his German confrère for waking up national spirit.

THE OATH ADMINISTERED IN U.S. FEDERAL COURTS.

Mr. Charles J. Bonaparte, President Roosevelt's Attorney-General, and other prominent men have petitioned Congress to forbid the use of the phrase "So help me God" in the administration of oaths in the Federal courts. Senator Burton presented the memorial to the Senate and introduced a bill to put it into effect. The bill provides that the form of oath before taken in the courts or elsewhere under the laws of the United States shall be "I do solemnly promise" or "I do solemnly swear." The bill proposes to make it unlawful to add to any oath the words "So help me God" or any imprecatory words whatever. It stipulates that the manner of administering oaths shall be "by requiring the person making the same to hold up his hand in token of his recognition of the solemnity of the act, except in those cases where the use of the words 'So help me God' or any imprecatory words shall be required by the laws of the United States." In addition to Mr. Bonaparte, the memorialists are Dr. Ira Remson, President of John Hopkins University and Chairman of the Pure Food Board of Review; Dr. Charles F. Thwing of Cleveland, President of Western Reserve University; Thomas J. Morris, Judge of the Federal Court for the District of Maryland since 1879; Col. William F. Stone, Collector of Customs at Baltimore and Sergeant-at-Arms of the Republican National Committee; J. Barry Mahool, former Mayor of Baltimore; Edgar Allan Poe, just elected Attorney-General of Maryland; and George Whitlock, a Baltimore lawyer, Chairman of the United States Commission on Un-American Activities.

INTERESTING TO THE POLICY HOLDERS.

Messrs. Bradley & Co., the General Agents of the Manufacturers Life Insurance Co., Toronto, draw attention to what is described by the *Toronto World* as "the biggest single real estate deal ever put through Canada," when the Dominion Bond Co., bought the Manufacturers Life Insurance Co.'s building in Toronto for \$800,000 gold. The Insurance Co. in turn paid \$505,000 gold for the property in May, 1910, so that the profit on the deal is \$294,000. The *Toronto World* further states that nine-tenths (which is \$864,000 gold) of the profits go to the Insurance Policy holders. The Manufacturers Life Insurance Company has reserved the right to remain as tenants for two years, whilst looking around for another site.

SUN YAT SEN AS PRISONER.

NARRATIVE OF HIS COOLER IN PORTLAND-PLACE.

Some recollections of the time when Dr. Sun Yat-sen was a prisoner in the Chinese Legation, Portland-place, are given by George Cole, who was then hall porter at the Embassy. "About October 9, 1896," says Cole, "Sir Halliday Macartney, the English adviser of the Legation, told me that they were expecting a man who was a bit wrong in his head, but quite harmless, and that I was to find a room strong enough to hold him for a few days. Would I care to act as a warder to him?" he asked, and I said 'Yes.' "On October 11, about eight o'clock in the morning, while I was cleaning the hall three Chinamen whom I knew—they belonged to the Legation—came in with a stranger, took him into the morning-room, and sent for Sir Halliday. He came, and in a little while he rang for me, and to take the man had arrived, and that I had to take him to the room (a bedroom) at the fourth floor and stay there with him all the time. "Then, by Sir Halliday's orders, I searched the man. He had a lot of papers of one kind and another, which I sent down to Sir Halliday, and he had four £5 notes, two sovereigns, and some odd silver. I was ordered outside while Sir Halliday Macartney and two members of the Embassy had a long interview with Sun Yat-sen. Afterwards Sir Halliday said to me: 'There is no doubt this man will ask you to take letters out and will offer you money. Take the money and keep it for yourself, but bring all the letters to me.'"

NOTES TO DR. CANTLIE.

"Sure enough next day Sun Yat-sen asked me if I could take out any letters for him. I said no; I was practically as great a prisoner as he was. Could I drop them from the window? he then asked. I said I would do my best. He wrote to weight it. I sent them downstairs at once to Sir Halliday. I had by that time come to the conclusion that he was not a madman. I asked him to tell me exactly what he was there for, saying I would then consider whether I would take a letter out or not. He was very grateful. He pressed me to accept the £20 there and then, whether I helped him or not, saying the notes were no use to him, as he knew he would not be there many days. I accepted the money. "He told me a lot about himself, about what he had been doing in China, and about the narrow escapes he had had for his life. He gave me a letter to Dr. Cantlie. I managed to get out that night and conveyed my wife, and then I decided to do it. "On three occasions I took notes to Dr. Cantlie, and carried back a few words of a reply written on a visiting card. Dr. Cantlie was in communication with the Foreign Office, and I told Sun Yat-sen that it would not be many days before he was free. "As soon as the matter came to the ears of the Foreign Office, Lord Salisbury, who was then Prime Minister, sent for Sir Halliday Macartney, sent for Sir Halliday Macartney, and Sir Halliday pleaded the doctrine of "extraterritoriality"—that is, the King's writ does not run in a Foreign Embassy. Lord Salisbury made short work of this. In effect he said, "I have nothing to do with the Chinese Legation, but you are a British subject, and if you don't release this man it will be worse for you." This threat was effective. Two men were sent from Scotland Yard to the Legation and Sir Halliday Macartney was required to deliver the prisoner. He handed the key of the room to one of the detectives and showed them the way upstairs to the room where Sun Yat-sen was confined. A few moments Sun Yat-sen was conducted down-stairs, a free man. None of the Chinese members of the Legation ventured to put in an appearance at the final scene.

THE OPENING OF PEARL HARBOR.

AMERICA'S NEW NAVAL BASE.

The United States cruiser *California*, flagship of the United States Pacific Fleet, navigated Pearl Harbor, the new naval base at Honolulu, for the first time last month, and thus "announced to the world that Pearl Harbor is now, in fact, a possible rendezvous in the Mid-Pacific for the entire American Navy." A Honolulu paper reports:—

"When the *California* turned in from the open sea toward the opening of the anchorage, nearly two hundred and fifty military, naval, official and social guests crowded to the railings, while a large number of the officers of the cruiser, took the bridge by number, according to the courtesy of the bridge in the coming sections, particularly beneath the flying bridge, to watch the progress of the ship. "Just beneath stood Judge Sanford B. Dole, former President of the Republic of Hawaii, during whose administration the Hawaiian Islands were ceded by treaty to the United States, and upon the quarter-deck, surrounded by a number of her former subjects, sat Queen Liliuokalani, the former monarch of the Islands, who had been ceded to the United States by a third of a century ago. There were guests present whose lives had been peculiarly identified with the history of Hawaii and under all of whom many matters affecting Pearl Harbor had been projected and carried out. "And so with the eyes of all centered upon the course, between buoys 600 feet apart, the *California* passed into the navigable channel, taken ten years to create into a navigable channel, with the efficiency of the dredging operations, with several of the dredgers still moored at their working places all decorated and their crews swarming over the works to cheer the cruiser as she passed by. "Up the wide harbor basin the naval tug *Manito* lay waiting for the cruiser, indicating the anchorage. The cruiser continued straight up, and at thirty-two minutes past eleven o'clock the anchor was tipped, fell with a splash, and checked the progress of the cruiser just at the end of what was formerly known as the Kuabua Island shoal, or the 'End of Italy,' as the contractors term it owing to the formation of the shoal resembling the lower portion of Italy. "Rear Admiral Thomas was the first to receive congratulations from Captain Harlow as a close second, while President Dillingham, of the dredging company, because the centre of a group of friends who congratulated him for his part in the achievement. "The officers came down from the bridge all smiles, and they too felt that an epoch-making event had been completed and that the hopes and desires of naval officers who first made surveys of Pearl Harbor had at last been realized and that Uncle Sam's navy could now 'come in.'"

WHAT THE INSURANCE BILL DOES.

The following summary of the National Insurance Bill, recently passed, has been made by the *Daily Telegraph*, and we quote it herewith, together with the words of the Prime Minister on the Third Reading, who said:— "It confers upon millions of our fellow-countrymen by the joint operation of self-help and State help the greatest alleviation of the risks and sufferings of life that any Parliament has ever conferred upon any people." The National Insurance Bill, says the *Daily Telegraph*, consists of 115 clauses and eleven schedules. It is divided into three parts, the first part relating to Health Insurance, and the second to Unemployment Insurance, while the third consists of General Provisions. The complete text contains about 260,000 words. Under ordinary circumstances, the Act will come into operation on July 15, 1912. But should necessity arise, his Majesty in Council may postpone the unemployment scheme to not later than October 12, 1912, and the health scheme to not later than January 1, 1913.

HEALTH INSURANCE.

PERSONS INCLUDED IN THE SCHEME. All persons over 16 years of age who are employed under the meaning of this part of the Act shall, and any persons not so employed may, be insured, and thus become entitled to the benefits of health insurance and prevention of sickness. The former, called "employed contributors," include all persons of either sex, whether British subjects or not, who are engaged in the specified employments. The latter, called "voluntary contributors," include those who either— (a.) Are engaged in some regular occupation and are dependent on their earnings for a livelihood, or (b.) Have been employed contributors for at least five years.

The funds for providing the benefits of the scheme and the cost of administration are derived from the following compulsory contributions:— Working men 4d. per week. Working women 3d. " Employers 3d. " The State 3d. "

The employer must first pay his own and his employee's contributions, but may afterwards deduct the amount from the wages. Employees stop paying at the age of 70. Voluntary contributors pay according to age at entry.

THE BENEFITS. The sickness benefits are:— For men: 10s. per week for twenty-six weeks. For women: 7s. 6d. per week for twenty-six weeks.

Disability benefit: 5s. per week for men and women alike. Medical treatment and attendance. Treatment in sanatoria or other institution when suffering from tuberculosis. Periodical payments when incapable of work.

Payment of 30s. as maternity benefit in case of the confinement of a wife, or to any other woman who is insured. No insured person is entitled:— (a.) To medical benefit during the first six months of the operation of the Act. (b.) To sickness benefit until 26 weeks after he insures, and until he has paid 26 weeks' contributions. (c.) To disability benefit until 104 weeks after insurance, and 104 weeks' contributions have been paid. (d.) To maternity benefit until 26 weeks after insurance, or 32 weeks in the case of a voluntary contributor.

No sickness, disability, or maternity benefit is paid to the inmate of a workhouse, hospital, asylum, convalescent home, infirmary, sanatorium, or similar institution. COMMISSIONERS' POWERS AND DUTIES. Commissioners are to be appointed, with a central office in London, and such branches as the Treasury think fit. At least one Commissioner must be a doctor, who has had personal experience of general practice.

Amongst the important powers of the Commissioners are the following:— The inclusion of trades now exempted under Part II. of the Act, dealing with unemployment insurance.

The contributions payable by Post Office contributors. Regulations for the payment of the contributions of insured persons and of employers.

The reduction of rates of benefit where the sickness or disability benefits exceed two-thirds of the wages.

Establishing working relations between the friendly societies and the local health committees; and between these and medical practitioners as to medical attendance, the supply of drugs, and other matters.

Approving the regulations of the health committees in regard to sanatoria, friendly societies shall be "approved," and the method in which their affairs are to be conducted, including the "pooling" of small societies.

Appointment of an advisory committee. Special orders on "contracting out" and the alteration of the terms of benefits in regard to domestic servants and other classes of employed persons; and with regard to seasonal trades.

The control of the national health fund, and the establishment of a reserve values fund.

Procedure as to inquiries in cases of excessive sickness.

Regulations for any of the purposes for which regulations may be made under the Act, and generally for carrying out the Act.

Such regulations to have the effect of law. Settling disputes between members and societies or societies and branches, or difficulties arising with respect to the health or advisory committees.

Formulating the financial conditions applicable to Scotland, Ireland, and Wales.

LOCAL HEALTH COMMITTEES.

POST-TEST DOCTORS. A local Health Committee will be constituted in every county and county borough. The number of the committee is settled by the Commissioners, but in no case will it be less than forty or more than eighty. Three-fifths are to represent the insured persons.

One-fifth appointed by the council of the county or county borough.

Two members are elected by the doctors of the district.

If the committee consists of forty persons, one must be a doctor; if of sixty, two; if of eighty, three, all appointed by the Council of the county or county borough.

The remaining members are appointed by the Insurance Commissioners, one at least being a doctor and two at least women.

Local Health Committees must adopt such a system as will secure:—

(a.) The preparation of a list of doctors who have agreed to attend and treat insured persons.

(b.) The right of any duly qualified doctor to be included in the list.

(c.) The right of insured persons to select from the list the doctor by whom he wishes to be attended subject to the consent of the doctor.

(d.) The proper distribution of doctors amongst insured persons who fail to make any selection.

(e.) The provision of medical attendance and treatment on the same terms to members of any friendly society which becomes an approved society.

Every Local Health Committee must make provision for the supply of proper and sufficient drugs and medicines and appliances to insured persons.

SANATORIUM BENEFIT. For the purpose of administering sanatorium benefit the local Health Committee must make arrangements, to the satisfaction of the Insurance Commissioners:—

(a.) To provide treatment for insured persons suffering from tuberculosis in sanatoria and other institutions with persons or local authorities other than Poor Law authorities.

(b.) To provide treatment for insured persons otherwise than in sanatoria or other institutions.

An insured person is not entitled to sanatorium benefit without the recommendation of the local Health Committee. The local Health Committee may extend sanatorium benefit to the dependants of insured persons.

Any society registered or established under Act of Parliament or Royal Charter, or any other society properly constituted, may be recognised as an approved society.

No society will receive approval unless it satisfies the following conditions:— (1.) It must not be carried on for profit. (2.) Its affairs must be under the absolute control of its members. (3.) Honorary members must be excluded from the right of voting.

No person can be a member of more than one approved society.

DEPOSIT INSURANCE. Until January 1, 1915, the following provisions apply to deposit contributors, who have not joined an approved society within the prescribed time, or who, having joined, have been expelled or resigned, and have not joined another approved society in time:—

(a.) Their contributions are credited to a special fund called the Post Office Fund. (b.) Sickness, disability, or maternity benefit is paid to them out of that fund, except so far as it is payable out of moneys provided by Parliament.

ALIENS. A person who is not a British subject can only become a member of an approved society on the following conditions:— 1.—No part of the benefits will be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament, and 2.—The rate of sickness, disability, and maternity benefit will be reduced.

3.—No part of the expenses of administration will be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament.

Where an alien becomes a member of an approved society the following provisions will have effect:— 1.—His contributions are credited to the society. 2.—In each year the society hands over to the local Health Committee the sums payable to him in respect of medical and sanatorium benefit. 3.—The rate of sickness, disability, and maternity benefit is determined by the society.

SAILORS AND SOLDIERS. For the purpose of providing seamen, marines, and soldiers with benefits during their term of service and after their return to civil life, a sum of 13d. per week will be deducted from their pay.

The Admiralty and War Office contribute a similar amount.

SANATORIA. With the approval of the Treasury, the Local Government and can make grants to provide sanatoria and other institutions for the treatment of tuberculosis.

The money so made is apportioned between England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland according to population.

By the aid of these grants County Councils may erect sanatoria, and manage and maintain the institutions in conjunction with the local Health Committees.

DOMESTIC SERVANTS. At first the following payments are made:— Mistress 3d. per week. Male servant 4d. " Female servant 3d. " The State 2d. "

In return for these payments the benefits according to the servant are:— Free medical attendance by doctor chosen from a panel of doctors. Free medicines.

Sick pay—7s. 6d. per week for the first twenty-six weeks.

Five shillings per week in case of permanent invalidity. Sanatorium treatment in case of consumption.

Maternity benefit of 30s. Insurance during widowhood at the same rates of contribution as in the case of a person 16 years old.

If, however, the mistress provides board and lodging for the servant and pays her wages in case of illness for six weeks, and any year the scale of payments are varied thus:— Mistress 2 1/2d. per week. Servant 2d. "

The State, although no sick payment is made during the first weeks of the servant's illness, sick benefit at 7s. 6d. per week begins at the end of six weeks, and continues for the next twenty weeks, the other benefits indicated above being also received.

INTIMATIONS

RAW PLACES ON HER BABY BOY

Lower Lip Broke Out in Sores. Spread All Over Chin, then on Legs and Thighs. Did Not Improve. Sent for Cuticura Remedies. Soothed Him Wonderfully. In Six Weeks He was Cured.

"When my baby boy was eighteen months old, his lower lip broke out in sores. At first I thought it was a cold, but it spread all over his chin and legs and thighs—quite raw places. I took him to the hospital, but he did not improve. They only gave me ointment. It went on for a month when a friend of my sister told her to tell me to use the Cuticura Remedies. I sent for them at once. It seemed a great relief at first, but one lot of each with the Cuticura Soap, and kept replacing the Cuticura Ointment. It soothed him wonderfully. We were pleased to see a great improvement. In six weeks he was entirely cured, and I shall always recommend the Cuticura Soap and Ointment." (Signed) Mrs. J. A. Biley, 130, Northwood Road, Upper Clapton, London, N.E., Nov. 20, 1909. Cuticura Soap and Ointment are the most economical treatment for the skin and scalp. Sold throughout the world. Dealers: London, 27, Chancery Lane, W.C.2; Australia, B. Towns & Co., Sydney; India, B. K. Paul, Calcutta; S. Africa, Leman, Ltd., Cape Town, etc.; U.S.A., Potter Drug & Chem. Corp., Sole Props., Boston. Send for free Cuticura Book on the treatment of skin and scalp diseases.

Chas. J. Gaupp & Co. Beg to invite inspection of their NEW SEASON'S GOODS. EXTRA FINE DIAMOND JEWELLERY a Speciality. INEXPENSIVE MODERN ART JEWELLERY ENGLISH MOUNTED CHINESE JADE JEWELLERY GOLD BRACELET WATCHES IN GREAT VARIETY.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE.

MR. JOHN JOHNSTONE has been admitted a Member of our Company, and Mr. ALFRED BROOKE SMITH, Mr. GEORGE WALTER SHEPPARD and Mr. JOHN EDWARD GREGSON have been authorized to Sign on behalf of the Company for Promotion.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 10th January, 1912. [233]

THE FAMINE IN CHINA.

EIGHT FAMINE DISTRICTS with an area of 30,000 square miles.

Two and a half million people facing starvation.

PLEASE SEND YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO-DAY.

IT WILL HELP TO SAVE LIFE.

H. C. GULLAND, Esq.,

Treasurer,
INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION,
Shanghai,
Manager.

LOST.

A BLACK and WHITE DOG, cross setter retriever. Finder will be rewarded if desired on return to—

H. HUMPHREYS,

Alexandra Buildings,
Hongkong, 24th January, 1912. [232]

HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

St. George's Buildings.

NOTICE.

THE extension of the Electric Light to the Peak District is expected to be completed by about the End of March, 1912.

Intending consumers are advised to have their Houses wired in readiness, to avoid delay in obtaining the light.

The Company are prepared to submit estimates for Wiring Houses on application.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1911. [131]

G. R.

NOTICE.

THE attention of British Subjects in the Canton Consular District is called to Section 102 of the China and Corea Order in Council 1904, enjoining annual registration in January, and especially to Sub-section 10 thereof which provides as follows:—

"If any person fails to comply with the Provisions of this Order respecting Registration, and does not excuse his failure to the satisfaction of the Consular Officer, he or she shall be guilty of an offence against this Order, and any Court or Authority may, if it thinks fit, decline to recognize him as a British Subject."

British Subjects are particularly requested to produce the preceding year's certificate when applying for renewal of registration.

J. W. JAMIESON,
Consul-General.

H.E.M. Consulate-General,
Canton, 20th January, 1912. [220]

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

ANNUAL SHOW.

THE FLOWER and VEGETABLE SHOW will be held on the 1st and 2nd March, 1912, on the VACANT GROUND opposite the Hongkong Club.

Intending Exhibitors should send their Entries to the Hon. Secretary not later than the 22nd February, 1912.

Copies of Rules and Schedule may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary.

L. GIBBS,
6, Beaconsfield Arcade.

Hongkong, 22nd January, 1912. [219]

CANTON-KOWLOON RAILWAY.

ALTERATION AND ACCELERATION OF TRAIN SERVICE.

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that on and from THURSDAY, February 1st, important alterations and additions will be made to the present Time Table.

The First Through Train from Kowloon to CANTON will leave daily at 8.15 A.M. instead of 8 A.M. and an additional Through Train will leave at 11.25 A.M.

The Express Train now leaving at 2.25 P.M. will leave at 2.40 P.M. and has been accelerated and will arrive at CANTON at 5.55 P.M., making the journey in under four hours.

From CANTON a Train will leave for Kowloon at 7.45 A.M. instead of 7.55 A.M. and an Extra Through Train at 11.45 A.M.

The Express will leave at 2.55 P.M. instead of 2.25 P.M. and has also been accelerated and will arrive at Kowloon at 6.50 P.M.

For residents in the New Territory a Train will be run to arrive at Kowloon at 9.15 A.M. and leave in the afternoon at 5.52 P.M. The present Trains arriving at Kowloon at 10.30 A.M. and leaving at 3.45 P.M. will be cancelled.

For further particulars see Time Tables which may had on application to—

The Manager, British Section, Kowloon,
The Traffic Manager, Chinese Section,
Canton, and at the Booking Office.

By Order,
H. P. WINSLOW,
Manager.

British Section,
Canton-Kowloon Railway.

By Order,
THE ADMINISTRATION,
Chinese Section,
Canton-Kowloon Railway,
Kowloon, 23rd January, 1912. [227]

PUBLIC COMPANIES

THE HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ELEVENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, Victoria Buildings, THIS DAY (THURSDAY) the 25th JANUARY, 1912, at 11.30 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1911.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
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Hongkong, 25th January, 1912. [184]

THE WEST POINT BUILDING CO., LIMITED.

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SHINGUARDS, BANDAGES, etc.

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ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 27TH, 1912

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Booking Office at ROBINSON PIANO & Co., now open.

Hongkong, 17th January, 1912. [202]

VICTORIA THEATRE.

A Great Week of Vaudeville:

MISS RUBY WILLIAMS,

LYALL SISTERS.

FRIDAY, 26th Jan., Monster Programme, BENEFIT OF OUR FAVORITE ARTISTE, MISS LYNDIA DAVIES.

When by kind permission of Col. HAMILTON and OFFICERS.

The Band of the K.O.Y.L.I.

Will Render Selections During the Evening.

By kind permission THE MINTHROP TRUPEE of H.M.S. "Merlin" will appear.

NEW AND HANDSOME PICTURES.

Hongkong, 23rd January, 1912. [58]

BIJOU SCENIC THEATRE.

FLOWER STREET.

CINEMATOGRAPH VAUDEVILLE.

AT

9.15 P.M. Every Evening 9.15 P.M.

A COMPLETE CHANGE OF PICTURES!

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THE SAME TO-DAY AS IN

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IMITATIONS.**

SOLE AGENTS IN HONGKONG:
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.,
and from ALL WINE MERCHANTS.

SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY

A FIBRE FOR EUROPE.

The search for a cotton substitute has been going on in Europe for a long time, and many experiments have been made with the common nettle, which has been a promising plant on account of the strength of its fibre and its ready growth wild under the most discouraging conditions, with a large yield per acre. The great difficulty has been in separating the fibre from the woody stem. In a method of treatment that has been worked out in the last two or three years, the dried nettle stems are boiled about half an hour in dilute soda lye, and the loosened fibres are then separated in a machine with revolving brushes. The material is then subjected to a number of alternate boilings in dilute lye and thorough washings, both under high pressure. The product is a mass of yellowish fibres, free from gum that can be bleached, combed and spun into lustrous white yarn. This is claimed to have the smoothness and softness of flax, with a strength even greater than that of hemp. The yarn has been made into brilliant damask, and can be used—alone or with other threads—for upholstery, ribbons, and a variety of fabrics.

A NEW OIL.

Tomato oil, useful for varnish and as a fuel, is now made from the waste of the tomato-preserved industry. In the province of Parma, Italy, where 84,000 tons of tomatoes have been used in the last year, waste has been about 15 per cent., and partial freeing this from water by pressing left a mass—chiefly of seeds—of about 4,000 tons. The seed mass, by cold compression, yields 18 per cent. of golden yellow oil.

FISHES IN A DRY TIME.

A curious drouth survival by fishes is reported by J. Y. Buchanan. The ditch or moat of the French chateau of the Prince of Monaco completely dried up last summer, although usually a canal three miles long and 50 feet wide, with five feet of water. All carp, tench, perch and pike disappeared, leaving dry mud. A sudden rainfall about October 1st supplied a little water, and the fishes were actually seen rising—as lively as ever—from the mud in which they had buried themselves.

WART-KILLING BY ELECTRICITY.

The warts of childhood and those of old age are quite different. Dr. Lobligois, a French physician, has found those of youth to be both contagious and tenacious, and he advises electricity in some form instead of the ordinary and often unsatisfactory treatment. Simple application of the continuous current may be made by placing the positive pole in contact near the wart to be acted upon and piercing the wart at its base with a platinum needle attached to the active electrode. The operation requires about three minutes—the current being gradually raised to four milliamperes and then diminished—and the wart usually disappears, leaving no scar. For flat and confluent warts, the best results are obtained by using a five per cent. solution of magnesium sulphate with the electric current. The magnesium ion appears to be almost a specific for flat warts, and the operation—though lasting 15 minutes—is less painful than without the magnesium sulphate, and a number of warts may be treated at once. For the warts of old age radium is recommended, the adjacent healthy skin being carefully protected.

WHERE LIGHTNING-RODS FAIL.

French experience has shown that no method known can give security from lightning to buildings on snow-covered mountains, at a distance from the rock. Reporting on the two Mont Blanc observatories, J. Vallot states that one has never been struck by lightning, but this is on the rock, with which the metal surrounding the building is connected directly at numerous places. The other observatory, the Janssen, stands on snow, a cable 100 yards long giving earth connection. The protecting apparatus has been repeatedly altered and extended, but the building has been struck many times, the electrical phenomena sometimes continuing two hours, with injury to persons and the melting of instruments.

DEVELOPING THE BOYS.

The remarkable increase in the height and weight of boys at the Grammar School of Manchester, Eng., in the years 1905-10, as compared with those of 1881-6, is attributed by Dr. A. A. Mumford to such causes as better housing, improved diet, the better understanding of parents, etc. The attitude toward athletics and physical culture has changed, while it is now apparent that postponing the infectious diseases of childhood as long as possible tends to promote growth and development.

ARTIFICIAL DIRT FOR SOAP TESTING.

The comparison of soaps has given uncertain results hitherto, on account of the lack of any definite standard of dirtiness. This lack has now been remedied, and two German chemists have prepared the equivalent of uniformly dirty clothes by treating cotton-wool material with lampblack in a solution of lanolin in benzene. The soiled goods so prepared being washed with the different soaps under constant conditions of time, temperature, strength of soap solution, etc., accurate and reliable tests of compar-

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MELTING CONCRETE SAFES.

In a recent English test of the burglar-proof qualities of vaults of reinforced concrete, a slab of the material six inches thick was perforated with a hole 3½ inches in diameter by means of the oxyacetylene blowpipe. When a steel bar was reached, it was instantly fused away by directing a jet of pure oxygen on the white-hot metal, but this metal-cutting jet had little effect on the concrete. The time required for making the hole was 24 minutes. As a similar hole in any kind of steel could be made through an equal thickness within four minutes with the oxygen jet, it was evident that the new material offered an important advantage for strong-room building.

"FEELING" MAGNETISM.

Magnets that can make themselves felt are still objects of wonder. The apparatus shown by Prof. S. P. Thompson at a late London Physical Society exhibition consisted of two large copper coils, into which an alternating electric current of 50 periods a second was led, producing a powerful alternating magnetic field between the coils. With the head in this space, especially with the lines of force directed through the temples, a singular bluish flickering was perceived.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The I. G. M. str. *Kietist*, which left here on 27th December, at 1 p.m., arrived at Genoa on Monday, the 22nd January, at 3 p.m.
The *Apar* str. *Gregory* departs from Calcutta left Singapore on the 23rd inst. afternoon, and may be expected here on or about the 29th inst.
The P. M. S. Co. str. *Mongolia* sailed from San Francisco 23rd inst. en route to Hongkong, via Honolulu, Yokohama, Kobe, Nagasaki and Manila, and is due to arrive at Hongkong on the 23rd inst.
The str. *Sherries* from Puget Sound for Hongkong and Manila arrived at Yokohama on the 23rd inst.
The E. & A. str. *Alpenhorn* from Sydney left Thursday Island on the 22nd inst., is due at Manila on the 30th inst., and this port on the 3rd prox.

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No Fire Insurance will be effected.
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Hongkong, 23rd January, 1912.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW YORK.

THE Company's Steamship

"JESERIC,"
having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk in the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., whence delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 26th inst. at Noon, will be subject to rent.
All broken, chafed and damaged Packages are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on THURSDAY, the 25th inst., at 10 A.M. Claims against the steamer must be presented within ten days of arrival, otherwise they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.
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Hongkong, 19th January, 1912.

FROM EUROPE.

THE H.A.L. Steamship

"AMERICA,"
Captain Ernst, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be carried on unless notice to the contrary be given TO-DAY.
All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 26th inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods must be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 25th inst. at 9.30 A.M.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.
This Steamer brings on Cargo:
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Ex ss. "Frisch" from Sunderland.

HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE,
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Hongkong, 25th January, 1912.

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STEAMERS.

ANTIOCHUS, British str., 5,792, A. R. Stewart, 21st January—Sotile 27th Dec., Flour—Butterfield & Swire.

ASARI MARU, Japanese str., 2,820, Y. Nakano, 22nd Jan.—Daira 16th Jan., Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

BESIER DULAN, British str., 2,997, C. E. Cross, 23rd Jan.—Manila 20th January, General—Dollor & Co.

CHANGSHA, British str., 1,483, E. J. Finlayson, 22nd Jan.—Sydney 23rd Dec., General—Butterfield & Swire.

CHENAN, British str., 1,350, Lloyd Jones, 21st Jan.—Shanghai 18th January, General—Butterfield & Swire.

CHONGSHING, British str., 1,223, V. Liddell, 17th Jan.—Swatow 16th Jan., Ballast—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

DAVENTRY, British str., 1,234, W. H. Statton, 21st Jan.—Manila 17th Jan., Coal oil—Order.

DAYAWONGSE, German str., 1,057, E. Gathe-mann, 20th January—Bangkok and Swatow 19th January, Rice and Timber—Butterfield & Swire.

EMPEROR OF INDIA, British str., 5,940, E. Beetham, 5th Jan.—Vancouver, B.C. 14th Dec., Mail and General—Canadian Pacific Railway Co.

FAVANG, British str., 1,410, H. S. Malkins, 23rd Jan.—Swatow 22nd Jan.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

FRITHJOF, Norwegian str., 891, Olof Anderson, 18th Jan.—Daly 12th January, Beans—Asgard, Thoresen & Co.

HAITAN, British str., 1,182, J. S. Rouch, 23rd January—Swatow 19th Jan., General—Douglas, Laiprak & Co.

HANGSANG, British str., 1,355, S. Wildo, 21st January—Swatow 17th Jan., General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

HIKORAN MARU, Japanese str., 2,307, K. Yamamoto, 22nd Jan.—Mitsui 17th Jan., Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

HOP SANG, British str., 1,359, J. H. Hay, 22nd Jan.—Port Coubert 19th Jan., Coal—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

JESERIC, British str., 3,004, R. White, 19th January—New York 18th Nov., General—Bank Line, Ltd.

KASABO, British str., 1,843, H. E. Lever, 22nd Jan.—Mojito 16th Jan., Coal—Butterfield & Swire.

KUZHICHOW, British str., 1,217, Forsyth, 19th Jan.—Manila 15th Jan., General—Butterfield & Swire.

KUMSANG, British str., 2,077, F. Wheeler, 23rd January—Calcutta 8th January, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

LANDRAT SCHLIER, German str., 1,012, A. Schuler, 21st Jan.—Bangkok and Swatow 20th Jan.—Hico—Blumson & Co.

LOONMOON, German str., 1,971, W. Vogeler, 19th January—Hongkong 17th Jan., Coal—Hambury, Amerika Linie.

LOONRI, British str., 4,100, J. Mathie 20th January—Seattle and Moji 16th January, Flour—Bank Line.

MINNESOTA, American str., 1,333, T. W. Garlick, 21st Jan.—Seattle 17th Dec., and Manila 19th Jan., General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

NEL, American str., 3,313, Rochester, 18th Jan.—Southampton 13th Dec.—Pacific Mail S.S. Co.

ONSANG, British str., 1,787, A. G. Smith, 19th January—Chin Wang Tao 12th January, Coal—C. M. S. N. Co.

OTABU MARU, Japanese str., 1,710, Yoshoka, 22nd Jan.—Mitsui 16th Jan., Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

PERANANG, German str., 1,430, N. C. Rober, 22nd Jan.—Bangkok 12th Hoihow 21st Jan., Wood and Rice—Butterfield & Swire.

ROKOSAN MARU, Japanese str., 1,234, Masuda, 22nd Jan.—Wakamatsu 16th Jan., Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

SEANG, British str., 1,223, E. B. Simons, 20th Jan.—Shanghai 17th January, General—Butterfield & Swire.

SHANTUNG, British str., 1,359, Robinson, 20th Jan.—Hongkong 17th Jan., Coal—Butterfield & Swire.

SHAOHONG, British str., 1,307, J. B. Owen, 18th Jan.—Wakamatsu 12th Jan., Coal—Butterfield & Swire.

SHIBETORO MARU, Japanese str., 2,478, G. Kano, 23rd Jan.—Mojito 17th Jan., Coal—Osaka Shosen Kaisha.

SIBERIA, American str., 5,655, A. Zeeder, 19th January—San Francisco 19th December, Mail and General—Pacific Mail S. S. Co.

THEMACORUS, British str., 1,340, Fraser, 18th Jan.—Saigon 13th Jan., General—Wo Fat Sing.

TJIMANOK, Dutch str., 5,620, A. W. L. Rooy, 21st Jan.—Macassar 14th Jan., General—Java-China-Japan Lijn.

USUBA RICKMERS, German str., 2,629, N. Buhle, 15th Jan.—Vladivostok 7th Jan., Peas—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

YUENANG, British str., 1,164, P. H. Rolfe, 22nd Jan.—Manila 19th Jan., General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

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Hongkong, 24th January, 1912. Princes' Building. [155]

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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE (NILE AND YOKOHAMA)	Capt. E. F. Daly, R.N.R.	About 25th Jan.	Freight and Passage.
SHANGHAI	HIMALAYA Capt. D. C. Gregor, R.N.R.	About 2nd Feb.	Freight and Passage.
LONDON VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL	ARCADIA Capt. S. Barnham	Noon 3rd Feb.	See Special Advertisement.
LONDON and ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, PE. NANG, COLOMBO, PORT SAID and MARSEILLES	NYANZA Capt. H. N. Rivers, R.N.R.	About 7th Feb.	Freight and Passage.

For Further Particulars apply to
E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 25th January, 1912.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	"CHENAN"	On 25th Jan., 4 P.M.
AMOI, NINGPO and SHANGHAI	"SHANSHI"	On 27th Jan., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"LINAN"	On 27th Jan., 11 P.M.
MANILA, CEBU & HOLO	"KALFONG"	On 30th Jan., 4 P.M.
DIRECT SAILINGS TO WEST RIVER	"SANUL"	Twice Weekly.
S.S. "LINAN"		On 30th Jan., 4 P.M.

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Hongkong, 24th January, 1912.

INDO-CHINA S. NAV. CO., LD.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MANILA	"YUENSANG"	Saturday, 27th Jan., 2 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"HANGSANG"	Sunday, 28th Jan., 11 P.M.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"KUMSANG"	Monday, 29th Jan., Noon.
SANDAKAN	"MAUSANG"	Wednesday, 31st Jan., Noon.
MANILA	"YUENSANG"	Saturday, 3rd Feb., 2 P.M.

FOR THE MANILA CARNIVAL—FEBRUARY 3rd to 10th, 1912.

A special reduced fare of \$50 for Return Passengers will be issued for our sailings to Manila of the 29th and 31st January, available for 30 days from Date of issue. Passengers taking out these tickets are exempt from the Head Tax.

RETURN TOURS TO JAPAN, (Occupying 24 Days).

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Telephone No. 215, Sub. Exch. 4.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 25th January, 1912.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LD.

STEAMSHIP	CAPTAIN	LEAVING
"HAITAN"	Capt. J. S. Roach	THURSDAY, 25th Jan., at 11 A.M.
"HAIFAN"	Capt. J. W. Evans	SUNDAY, 28th Jan., at 10 A.M.
"HAICHING"	Capt. W. C. Passmore	THURSDAY, 1st Feb., at 11 A.M.

(Occupying 9 to 10 Days).

For SWATOW AND RETURN, (Occupying 3 Days).

"HAIMUN" ... Capt. A. H. Stewart ... FRIDAY, 26th Jan., at 11 A.M.
TUESDAY, 30th Jan., at 11 A.M.

Steamers will arrive at and depart from the Company's Wharf (near Blake Pier).
For Freight and Passage, apply to—
DOUGLAS, LARRAIK & Co., GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 24th January, 1912.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE

IN CONJUNCTION WITH

DEUTSCHE DAMPSCHIFFFAHRTS-GESELLSCHAFT "HANSA."

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
FOR MARSEILLES, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG	S.S. "EGOVIA"	28th Jan.
FOR HAYRE, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG	S.S. "SAMBIA"	6th Feb.
FOR HAYRE, HAMBURG & ANTWERP	S.S. "SILESIA"	15th Feb.
FOR MARSEILLES, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG	S.S. "SAKONIA"	16th Feb.
FOR MARSEILLES, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG	S.S. "AMBRIA"	26th Feb.
FOR ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG & ANTWERP	S.S. "SPEZIA"	29th Feb.
FOR HAYRE, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG	S.S. "GOLDENFELS"	1st March.
FOR NEW YORK	S.S. "ARAGONIA"	6th Feb.

For Further Particulars, apply to—
HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE, Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 19th January, 1912.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

IMPERIAL JAPANESE TRANS-PACIFIC MAIL LINES.

SAN FRANCISCO LINE.

Connecting with the WESTERN PACIFIC RAILWAY at SAN FRANCISCO to all Ports in the UNITED STATES and CANADA and with TRANS-ATLANTIC LINES for EUROPE.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION)

STEAMER	Tons	CAPTAIN	DATE OF SAILING
CHIYO MARU	21,000	W. W. Greene	FRIDAY, 16th Feb., at Noon.
NIPPON MARU	11,000	A. G. Stevens	FRIDAY, 16th March, at Noon.
TENYO MARU	21,000	E. Bent	FRIDAY, 15th Mar., at Noon.
SHINYO MARU	21,000	H. S. Smith	FRIDAY, 9th April, at Noon.

+ Triple Screw, turbine engines.
+ Twin Screw.
All Steamers are equipped with the Japanese Government Wireless Telegraph and Post Office.

THE Triple Screw Steamer "CHIYO MARU" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on FRIDAY, 16th February, at Noon.

INTERMEDIATE SERVICE.

THE Twin Screw S.S. "NIPPON MARU" 11,000 tons, Captain A. G. Stevens, will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on FRIDAY, the 8th March, at Noon.

SOUTH AMERICAN LINE.

(In Connection with the NATIONAL RAILWAYS OF MEXICO at MANZANILLO and the TEHUANTEPEC NATIONAL RAILWAY at SALINA CRUZ).
The Only Regular Direct Service to MEXICAN, CHILIAN and PERUVIAN PORTS:

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION)

STEAMER	Tons	TUESDAY	DATE OF SAILING
KIYO MARU	17,500	13th Feb.	at Noon, 1912.
BUYO MARU	10,500	TUESDAY	9th April, at Noon.
HONGKONG MARU	11,000	FRIDAY	7th June, at Noon.

THE Steamer "KIYO MARU" will be despatched hence for MEXICAN, PERUVIAN and CHILEAN PORTS via MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on TUESDAY, 13th February, at Noon.

FARES FROM HONGKONG:

To LONDON	£71-10-0
" VALPARAISO	£57-0-0

Fares by INTERMEDIATE STEAMER.

To HONOLULU	£20-0-0
" SAN FRANCISCO	£25-0-0
" CHICAGO	£35-10-0
" NEW YORK	£40-0-0
" LONDON VIA NEW YORK	£45-0-0

Single and Round Trip to all points are interchangeable and good for return by Intermediate Steamers of the Pacific Mail S.S. Co.

Intermediate Steamers of the Pacific Mail S.S. Co. are granted to principal points in the United States, Canada and Europe, on terms which may be obtained from the undersigned.

These magnificent steamers are most up-to-date and luxurious in every way. Excellent cuisine and accommodation.

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THE CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE and ST. PAUL RAILWAY.
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FOR	STEAMERS	Tons (Gross Reg.)	LEAVING
VICTORIA, B.C. & TACOMA via NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKKAICHI, AND YOKOHAMA	"SEATTLE MARU"	6,182	THURSDAY, 22nd Feb., at 11 A.M.
VICTORIA, B.C. & TACOMA via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKKAICHI, AND YOKOHAMA	"PANAMA MARU"	6,059	SATURDAY, 3rd Feb., at 11 A.M.
	"MEXICO MARU"	6,064	TUESDAY, 5th March, at 11 A.M.

O. S. K. has made the following revision on 1st class passage to Victoria, Tacoma, Seattle, Vancouver, Portland, and San Francisco:—
From Manila ... G. \$130.00
From Hongkong, Shanghai and Keelung ... G. \$110.00
From Nagasaki, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama ... G. \$95.00
1st class passage from Hongkong to Victoria, Tacoma, Seattle, Vancouver, Portland and San Francisco ... G. 110.00

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HONGKONG, SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS & FORMOSA SERVICE

FOR	STEAMERS	LEAVING
TAMSUI VIA SWATOW and AMOY	"DAIGI MARU"	SUNDAY, 28th Jan., at 10 A.M.
FOOCHOW VIA SWATOW and AMOY	"CHOSHUN MARU"	WEDNESDAY, 31st Jan., at 8 A.M.

For information of Freight, Passages, Sailings, etc., apply at the Co.'s Local Branch Office, at Second Floor, No. 1, Queen's Buildings
S. HIROI, MANAGER
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S.S. "SI-KIANG," Capt. E. de Catalano.

(1ST AND 2ND CLASSES) will leave Hongkong for

KWANG CHOW WANG and HAIPHONG,

on WEDNESDAY, the 31st JAN., 1912, at 9 A.M.

For Passages and Freight apply to

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(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.)

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATIONS	STEAMERS	Tons	SAILING DATES
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, PENANG COLOMBO, SUEZ and PORT SAID	HIRANO MARU Capt. H. Fraser	9,000	WEDNESDAY, 31st Jan., at Daylight.
	TANGO MARU Capt. K. Kawara	8,000	WEDNESDAY, 14th Feb., at Daylight.
VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKKAICHI, and YOKOHAMA	AWA MARU Capt. T. Iizawa	7,000	TUESDAY, 30th Jan., at Noon.
	SADO MARU Capt. —	7,000	TUESDAY, 13th Feb., at Noon.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE	KAMAKURA MARU Capt. K. Kon	7,000	SATURDAY, 23rd Mar., from Kobe.
SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	YAWATA MARU Capt. T. Sekine	5,000	FRIDAY, 16th Feb., at Noon.
	NIKKO MARU Capt. M. Yagi	6,000	FRIDAY, 15th March, at Noon.
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE, and COLOMBO	TOGA MARU Capt. T. Sato	6,000	MONDAY, 5th Feb.
KOBE and YOKOHAMA	AKI MARU Capt. K. Honma	9,000	THURSDAY, 1st Feb., at 11 A.M.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	NIKKO MARU Capt. M. Yagi	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 14th Feb., at Noon.
SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	CEYLON MARU Capt. Tozawa	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 31st Jan.
SHANGHAI and KOBE	TENSHIMA MARU Capt. Hori	4,000	MONDAY, 29th Jan.

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The next steamer from Hongkong, 4,000 tons, Capt. G. Tabuss, Saturday, Jan. 27th

1912 PASSENGER SEASON 1912

STEAMER	Tons	CAPTAIN	FROM HONGKONG
TANGO MARU	8,000	K. Kawara	February 14th.
KAMO	9,000	F. L. Sommer	February 23th.
ARI	7,000	K. Honma	March 13th.
MISHIMA	9,000	A. G. Moses	March 27th.
KAGA	7,000	M. Hagino	April 13th.
ATSUTA	9,000	Wm. Thompson	April 21th.
HITACHI	7,000	H. Yamawaki	May 8th.
MIYASAKI	9,000	T. Murai	May 22nd.

STEAMER	Tons	CAPTAIN	FROM SEATTLE
INABA MARU	7,000	S. Tomioka	February 27th.
TAMBA	7,000	K. Noda	March 26th.
SANUKI	7,000	T. Iizawa	April 9th.
AWA	7,000	S. Tomioka	April 23rd.
INABA	7,000	S. Tomioka	May 21st.

For further information, apply to—
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HOMEWARD PASSENGER SEASON, 1912.

PROPOSED SAILINGS OF MAIL STEAMERS

MARSEILLES AND LONDON

TAKING PASSENGERS ALSO FOR
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THROUGH TICKETS ISSUED TO BOSTON AND NEW YORK.

STEAMERS	Leave	Connecting Steamers	Duo	Duo
to	HONGKONG	from COLOMBO to	MARSEILLES (Brindisi 2 days earlier)	PLYMOUTH (London 1 day later)
COLOMBO		MARSEILLES & LONDON		

Steamer	Tons	1 P.M. SATURDAY	Steamer	Tons	SATURDAY	FRIDAY
ARCADIA	7000	February 3	MANTUA	11000	March 2	March 23
HIMALAYA	7000	February 17	MACEDONIA	10500	March 16	March 22
ASSAYE	7500	March 2	MORBA	11000	March 30	April 5
INDIA	8000	March 16	Through Steamers		April 13	April 19
DEVANHA	8000	March 30	NORDAVIA	11000	April 27	May 3
DELTA	8000	April 13	MAJOJA	12500	May 11	May 17
ASSAYE	7500	April 27	MONGOLIA	10000	May 25	May 31
OCEANIA	7000	May 11	CHINA	8000	June 8	June 14
DEVANHA	8000	May 25	MACEDONIA	10500	June 22	June 28
DELTA	8000	June 8	MORBA	11000	July 6	July 12
ARCADIA	7000	June 22			July 20	July 26

Passengers change Steamers at COLOMBO, with exception of s.s. "INDIA" and those for BRINDISI transfer also to the Express Mail Steamer at PORT SAID. Accommodation in the connecting Steamer from COLOMBO is definitely reserved in Hongkong at the time of Booking.

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STEAMERS	Leave	Duo
	HONGKONG	LONDON

STEAMERS	Tonnage	about	about
NYANZA	7000	February 7	March 22
NILE	7000	March 6	April 19
NUBLE	6000	April 5	May 31
SUMATRA	5000	April 17	May 14
NAMU	7000	May 15	June 29
PALAWAN	6000	May 29	July 13
BOERNEO	5000	May 30	July 27
SYRIA	7000	June 12	July 27
NOE	7000	June 26	August 10

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Hugo C. A. Fromm, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 19th January, 1912.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

The Parcel Post system to the following places in China is for the present suspended: (Hupoh, Szachuan, Hunan, Kwatchow and Tientsin)

The *Donghager*, with the German mail, left Singapore on Sunday, the 21st inst., at Noon, and may be expected here to-morrow.

FOR	PER	DATE
Swatow and Bangkok	Landrat Schief...	Thursday, 25th, 8.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haitan	Thursday, 25th, 10.00 A.M.
Fort Bayard	Doye	Thursday, 25th, 10.00 A.M.
Macao	Sue Tai	Thursday, 25th, 1.15 P.M.
Shanghai	Chanan	Thursday, 25th, 3.00 P.M.
Swatow and Singapore	Phranang	Thursday, 25th, 5.00 P.M.
Swatow	Haiman	Friday, 26th, 10.00 A.M.
Bangkok	Devavongse	Friday, 26th, 11.00 A.M.
Macao	Sue Tai	Friday, 26th, 1.15 P.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, VICTORIA and VANCOUVER (B.C.)	Empress of India	Printed Matter and Samples, 4.00 P.M. Registration, 3.15 P.M. (Registration with late fee of 10 cents up to 4.00 P.M.)
Amoy and Shanghai	Tibetajay	Letters, 5.00 P.M. Saturday, 27th, 10.00 A.M. Printed Matter and Samples, 10.00 A.M. Registration, 10.15 A.M. (Registration with late fee of 10 cents, up to 11.00 A.M.)
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU and SAN FRANCISCO (SIBERIAN MAIL TO EUROPE)	Siberia	Registration, Kowloon, 9.30 A.M. No late fee
Manila, Cebu and Iloilo	Yuenang	Letters, 11.00 A.M.
Macao	Sue Tai	Saturday, 27th, 1.00 P.M.
Amoy, Ningpo and Shanghai	Shanghai	Saturday, 27th, 1.15 P.M.
Shanghai	Hangseung	Saturday, 27th, 5.00 P.M.
SIBERIAN MAIL TO EUROPE	Linan	Registration, 5.00 P.M. Letters, 5.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiyang	Sunday, 28th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui	Daigi Maru	Sunday, 28th, 9.00 A.M.
Singapore, Penang, and Calcutta	Kunsang	Monday, 29th, 11.00 A.M.
Swatow	Haiman	Tuesday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.
EUROPE, &c., INDIA via TUTICORIN (Late Letters 11.00 to Noon.) Extra Postage 10 cents Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail	Tonkin	Printed Matter and Samples, 10.00 A.M. Registration, 10.15 A.M. (Registration with late fee of 10 cents, up to 11.00 A.M.) Registration, Kowloon, 9.30 A.M. No late fee
Manila, Iloilo and Cebu	Kaifong	Letters, 11.00 A.M.
Manila, Mangarin, Cebu and Iloilo	Kaifong	Tuesday, 30th, 3.00 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Colombo	Hydro Maru	Tuesday, 30th, 3.00 P.M.
Sandakan	Mawang	Wednesday, 31st, 11.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiching	Thursday, 1st, 10.00 A.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU and SAN FRANCISCO (SIBERIAN MAIL TO EUROPE)	China	Friday, 2nd, 10.00 A.M. Printed Matter and Samples, 10.00 A.M. Registration, 10.15 A.M. (Registration with late fee of 10 cents, up to 11.00 A.M.) Registration, Kowloon, 9.30 A.M. No late fee
Manila, Cebu, Iloilo, Timor, Port Darwin, Thursday Is., Cocktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Dunedin, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Fremantle	St. Albans	Letters, Noon
EUROPE, &c., INDIA via TUTICORIN, Late Letters 11.00 A.M. to Noon Extra Postage 10 cents (Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail Extra Postage 10 cents) Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail The Parcel mail will be closed on Friday, the 2nd Feb., at 5 P.M.	Arcadia	Saturday, 3rd, 9.00 A.M. Printed Matter and Samples, 10.00 A.M. Registration, 10.15 A.M. (Registration with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 A.M.) Registration, Kowloon, 9.30 A.M. No late fee
Manila Cebu and Iloilo	Loangang	Letters, 11.00 A.M. Saturday, 3rd, 1.00 P.M.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

January 24th.

ON LONDON:—	Telegraphic Transfer	111½
	Bank Bills, on demand	111½
	Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	111½
	Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	111½
	Credits, at 4 months' sight	111½
	Documentary Bills 4 months' sight	111½
ON PARIS:—	Bank Bills, on demand	243
	Credits, at 4 months' sight	247½
ON GERMANY:—	On demand	197½
ON NEW YORK:—	Bank Bills, on demand	46½
	Credits, at 60 days' sight	47½
ON HONGKONG:—	Telegraphic Transfer	143
	Bank, on demand	143½
ON CALCUTTA:—	Telegraphic Transfer	143
	Bank, on demand	143½
ON SHANGHAI:—	Bank, at sight	74½
	Private, 30 days' sight	75½
ON YOKOHAMA:—	On demand	93½
ON MANILA:—	On demand	82½
ON SINGAPORE:—	On demand	115½
ON BATAVIA:—	On demand	4 1/2 p.m.
ON HAIPHONG:—	On demand	par
ON SAIGON:—	On demand	par
ON BANGKOK:—	On demand	60½
SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate		\$10.35
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael		\$54.80
SILVER, per oz.		26½

SUBSIDIARY COINS.

	per cent.
Chinese	20 cents pieces
Chinese	10 "
Hongkong	20 "
Hongkong	10 "

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS. HONGKONG, JANUARY 24th, 1912.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	LOSING QUOTATIONS CASH.
BANKS.				
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corporation	120,000	\$125	all	1885, sellers
China Borneo Company, Limited	60,000	\$12	all	10 1/2
China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000	\$5	all	\$1.30
China Provident, Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$10	all	\$8 1/2, sellers
COTTON MILLS.				
Ewo Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	20,000	Tls. 50	all	Tls. 83
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	125,000	\$10	all	\$5, buyers
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 75	all	Tls. 49
Loon-Kung-Mow Co. Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 100	all	Tls. 64
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Limited	20,000	Tls. 50	all	Tls. 28
DAIRY FARM COMPANY, LIMITED	40,000	\$7 1/2	all	\$20
DOCK AND WHARVES.				
H'kong & Kowloon Wharf & G. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$50	all	\$54, buyers
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$50	all	\$49
New Amoy Dock Co., Limited	10,000	\$6 1/2	all	\$8
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	55,700	Tls. 100	all	Tls. 58
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Co., Ltd.	36,000	Tls. 100	all	Tls. 95
Green Island Cement Co., Limited	400,000	\$10	all	\$3.70, buyers
Hongkong and China Gas Co., Limited	7,000	\$20	all	\$2.00
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	all	\$21
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	\$50	all	\$11 1/2, sales
Manila Metropole Hotel Limited	9,000	Pa. 10	all	\$7 1/2, buyers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	15,000	\$25	all	\$2 1/2, sellers
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	all	\$13
H'kong & South China Steam Fisheries Co., Ltd.	15,000	\$10	all	\$7
INSURANCE.				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50	\$197 1/2, buyers
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	\$20	\$131 1/2
China Trade Insurance Co., Limited	24,000	\$83.33	\$25	\$105
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited	8,000	\$250	\$50	\$361, sales
North China Insurance Co., Limited	10,000	\$15	\$5	Tls. 147 1/2
Union Insurance Society, Limited	12,400	\$250	\$100	\$850
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	\$100	\$50	\$212 1/2, @ Ex 73
LANDS AND BUILDINGS.				
Hongkong Land Invest. Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	all	\$102
Hampshire Estate and Finance Co., Ltd.	15,000	\$10	all	\$53, sellers
Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$50	all	\$32, buyers
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Limited	74,000	Tls. 50	all	Tls. 94
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	\$50	all	\$50, buyers
Maatschappij tot Exploitatie van Landbouw	25,000	Gda. 10	all	Tls. 85
MINING.				
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin	16,000	Fcs. 250	all	\$695
Banb Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$21	all	\$3.80, sales
Peak Tramways Co., Limited	25,000	\$10	all	\$11 1/2, buyers
Philippine Co., Limited	50,000	\$10	all	\$5, buyers
REFINING.				
China Sugar Refining Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	all	\$107 1/2, sellers
Lozen Sugar Refining Co., Limited	7,000	\$100	all	\$37, sal. & sel.
STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.				
China and Manila Steamship Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$25	all	\$10.50, sales
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	\$50	all	\$21
Hongkong, Canton & Macao S.S. Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	all	\$27, sellers
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	60,000 pref.	\$25	all	\$57, set. 17.00
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Limited	60,000 def.	\$21	all	\$27 1/2
Star Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	all	\$5
South China Morning Post, Limited	10,000	\$25	all	\$22 1/2
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	20,000	\$5	all	\$6 1/2
STOCKS AND DISPENSARIES.				
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,200	\$10	all	\$60, buyers
Wm. Powell, Limited	15,000	\$7	all	\$43
Watkins, Limited	10,000	\$10	all	\$3, buyers
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	90,000	\$10	all	\$4 1/2
Weissmann, Limited	3,000	\$10	all	\$12 1/2, x. div.
Gande Price & Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$10	all	\$12, buyers
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	9,900 ordy.	\$10	all	\$4
Union Waterboat Co., Limited	100 shares	\$10	all	\$50
	50,000	\$10	all	\$8, buyers

Daily Wire			
Para Rubber in London	Amount.	Value.	Interest.
Loans.			
Chinese Imperial 1886.	Tls. 767,200	Tls. 250, 17 1/2 p. annum	Par.

TO-DAY		MAILS VIA SIBERIA.	
11.30 A.M.—Eleventh Ordinary Meeting of The Hongkong Land Reclamation Co., Ltd.		London	Due
11.45 A.M.—Twenty-Fourth Ordinary Meeting of The West Point Building Co., Ltd.		January 6th.	January 23rd.
Noon—Twenty-Fourth Ordinary Meeting of The Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.		January 10th.	January 26th.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.		NEWS OF THE FAR EAST	
Saturday, 27th Jan.—Grand Variety Entertainment of Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club at the Theatre Royal, 9 P.M.		is given in the	
Monday, 5th Feb.—Twenty-Third Ordinary Meeting of The Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd., Noon.			
Tuesday, 6th Feb.—Ninety-First Ordinary Half-Yearly Meeting of Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., Noon.			
Wednesday, 7th Feb.—Meeting of the Licensing Board, in the Council Chamber, 2.15 P.M.			
Friday and Saturday, 1st and 2nd March—Flower and Vegetable Show of Hongkong Horticultural Society at Vasant Ground opposite Hongkong Club.			

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